

It is believed that the amendment of claim 1 renders the same allowable as the strap shown in Hanson patent merely secures the cap in place on the spout.


Since the Examiner did not interpret claim 1 as previously written as including this limitation, the additional recitations are urged to distinguish claim 1 over HANSON.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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